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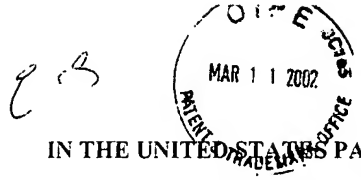

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Sir:

The above-noted application was filed on January 25, 2002 via Express Mail. As a result of the original, executed Declaration document not being attached to said application, a Notice to File Missing Parts -- Filing Date Granted issued.

In response to the aforementioned Notice, please find enclosed herewith the following:

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